

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention relates to an~~ An information distribution system that can reliably ~~distribute~~ distributes an image transmitted from each of two or more transmission apparatuses to a reception apparatus. A transmission apparatus ~~11-1~~ transmits to a reception apparatus ~~13~~ via a network ~~12~~ first control information for making a request for transmission of a result of a determination as to whether ~~or not~~ the reception apparatus ~~13~~ can receive information. When the reception apparatus ~~13~~ receives the first control information, the reception apparatus ~~13~~ generates second control information indicating whether ~~or not~~ to receive the information transmitted by the transmission apparatus ~~11-1~~, and transmits the second control information to the transmission apparatus ~~11-1~~ via the network ~~12~~. When the received second control information is information indicating that the information is not received, the transmission apparatus ~~11-1~~ prohibits the transmission of the information to the reception apparatus ~~13~~. ~~The present invention can be applied to an information distribution system for distributing image signals.~~